

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2012-0017]

Reports of Injuries to Employees Operating Mechanical Power Presses; Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Approval of an Information Collection (Paperwork) Requirement

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: OSHA solicits public comments concerning its proposal to extend OMB approval of the information collection requirement contained in the Standard on Reports of Injuries to Employees Operating Mechanical Power Presses (29 CFR 1910.217(g)).

DATES: Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES:

<u>Electronically</u>: You may submit comments and attachments electronically at http://www.regulations.gov, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions online for submitting comments.

Facsimile: If your comments, including attachments, are not longer than 10 pages, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-1648.

Mail, hand delivery, express mail, messenger, or courier service: When using this method, you must submit a copy of your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA-2012-0017, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Deliveries (hand, express mail, messenger, and courier service) are accepted during the Department of Labor's and Docket Office's normal business hours, 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., e.t.

<u>Instructions</u>: All submissions must include the Agency name and OSHA docket number for the Information Collection Request (ICR) (OSHA-2012-0017). All comments, including any personal information you provide, are placed in the public docket without change, and may be made available online at http://www.regulations.gov. For further information on submitting comments see the "Public Participation" heading in the section of this notice titled "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION."

<u>Docket</u>: To read or download comments or other material in the docket, go to http://www.regulations.gov or the OSHA Docket Office at the address above. All documents in the docket (including this <u>Federal Register</u> notice) are listed in the http://www.regulations.gov index; however, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through the Web site. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. You may also contact Theda Kenney at the address below to obtain a copy of the ICR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theda Kenney or Todd Owen,
Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room
N-3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 6932222.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent (i.e., employer) burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing information collection requirements in accord with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program ensures that information is in the desired format, reporting burden (time and costs) is minimal, collection instruments are clearly understood, and OSHA's estimate of the information collection burden is accurate. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the OSH Act) (29 U.S.C. 651 et seq.) authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for enforcement of the OSH Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents (29 U.S.C. 657). The OSH Act also requires that OSHA obtain such information with minimum burden upon employers, especially those operating small businesses, and to reduce to the maximum extent feasible unnecessary duplication of efforts in obtaining information (29 U.S.C. 657).

In the event a worker is injured while operating a mechanical power press, 29 CFR 1910.217(g) requires an employer to provide information to OSHA regarding the accident within 30 days of the accident. This information includes the employer's and worker's name(s), workplace address and location; injury sustained; task being performed when the injury occurred; number of operators required for the operation and the number of operators provided with controls and safeguards; cause of the accident; type of clutch, safeguard(s), and feeding method(s) used; and means used to actuate the press stroke. OSHA's Directorate of Standards and Guidance, or the State agency administering a plan approved by the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, collects the information. These reports are a source of up-to-date information on power press machines. Particularly, this information identifies the equipment used and conditions associated with these injuries.

II. Special Issues for Comment

OSHA has a particular interest in comments on the following issues:

- Whether the proposed information collection requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the Agency's functions, including whether the information is useful;
- The accuracy of OSHA's estimate of the burden (time and costs) of the information collection requirements, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
 - The quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and

• Ways to minimize the burden on employers who must comply; for example, by

using automated or other technological information collection and transmission

techniques.

III. Proposed Actions

OSHA is requesting that OMB extend its approval of the information collection

requirement contained in the Standard on Reports of Injuries to Employees Operating

Mechanical Power Presses (29 CFR 1910.217(g)). OSHA is proposing to decrease the

existing burden hour estimate for the collection of information requirement specified by

the Provision from 13 hours to 9 hours, for a total decrease of 4 hours. This adjustment is

a result of a decline in the number of reports received by OSHA annually.

The Agency will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice

and will include this summary in the request to OMB.

Type of Review:

Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title:

Reports of Injuries to Employees Operating Mechanical Power

Presses (29 CFR 1910.217(g)).

OMB Number:

1218-0070.

Affected Public:

Business or other for-profits; Federal Government; State, Local, or

Tribal Government.

Number of

Respondents:

83.

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Frequency

of Response: On occasion.

Average Time

Per Response: Five minutes (.08 hour) for a secretary to submit the report to

OSHA and 15 minutes (.25 hour) for a supervisor to obtain the information regarding the accident and to prepare the written

report.

Estimated Total

Burden Hours: 9.

Estimated Cost (Operation and

Maintenance): \$0.

Access to Comments and Submissions

IV. Public Participation — Submission of Comments on this Notice and Internet

You may submit comments in response to this document as follows: (1) electronically at http://www.regulations.gov, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal; (2) by facsimile (fax); or (3) by hard copy. All comments, attachments, and other material must identify the Agency name and the OSHA docket number for the ICR (Docket No. OSHA-2012-0017). You may supplement electronic submissions by uploading document files electronically. If you wish to mail additional materials in reference to an electronic or facsimile submission, you must submit them to the OSHA Docket Office (see the section of this notice titled "ADDRESSES"). The additional materials must clearly identify your electronic comments by your name, date, and the docket number so the Agency can attach them to your comments.

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Because of security procedures, the use of regular mail may cause a significant delay in the receipt of comments. For information about security procedures concerning the delivery of materials by hand, express delivery, messenger, or courier service, please contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350, (TTY (877) 889-5627).

Comments and submissions are posted without change at http://www.regulations.gov.

Therefore, OSHA cautions commenters about submitting personal information such as social security numbers and dates of birth. Although all submissions are listed in the http://www.regulations.gov index, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through this Web site. All submissions, including

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Office. Information on using the http://www.regulations.gov Web site to submit

comments and access the docket is available at the Web site's "User Tips" link. Contact

the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available through the Web

site, and for assistance in using the Internet to locate docket submissions.

V. Authority and Signature

David Michaels, PhD, MPH, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational

Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is

the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506 et seq.) and Secretary of Labor's

Order No. 1-2012 (77 FR 3912).

Signed at Washington, DC, on May 22, 2012.

David Michaels,

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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